

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/1<sup>1</sup>

PRODUCTION OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

(Effective 5 August 1959)

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4, NSCID No. 1, and in order to facilitate department participation in the production of national intelligence estimates, the following operating procedures are established:

1. *Programming*

Periodically, but not less than quarterly, the Board of National Estimates, Central Intelligence Agency, will present to the United States Intelligence Board (Intelligence Board) for approval a program of National Intelligence Estimates and Special National Intelligence Estimates (NIE's and SNIE's) for production during the following six months. In preparing this program, the Board of National Estimates will consult with the NSC Planning Board and appropriate committees of the Intelligence Board, and will coordinate with the Intelligence Board agencies.

2. *Initiation*

Requests for estimates other than those programmed will be transmitted to the Intelligence Board via the Board of National Estimates. This Board will take such action as is indicated by the circumstances prior to transmitting the request to the Intelligence Board for action; e.g., comment, initiate immediate action subject to subsequent Intelligence Board ratification, or attach draft terms of reference to its recommendation that the estimate be approved for production.

3. *Normal Preparation*

Estimates will normally be prepared in four stages:

a. *Terms of Reference and Contributions* — The Board of National Estimates, after consultation with the Intelligence Board agencies, will circulate terms of reference indicating the scope of the estimate and the intelligence material needed. The Agencies, or an Intelligence Board Subcommittee or other appropriate group, will then prepare contributions and submit them to the Board of National Estimates.

b. *Drafting and Board of National Estimates Consideration* — After considering the contributions, and such consultation with any contributing agency which may be appropriate, the Board of National Estimates will prepare a draft.

c. *Consideration by Representatives of the Intelligence Board Agencies* — Representatives of the Intelligence Board agencies will

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meet with the Board of National Estimates to review, comment on, and revise the draft as necessary.

d. *Intelligence Board Consideration* — The final draft will then be submitted to the Intelligence Board for approval.

4. *Preparation under Exceptional Circumstances*

Any of the steps listed in 3a, b, and c above may be omitted under exceptional or unusually urgent circumstances.

5. *Dissents*

Any agency may dissent to any feature of an estimate. Such dissents identify the dissenter and will state the dissenter's position on the matter.

6. *Publication and Dissemination*

Finished estimates will be published by CIA and disseminated by the DCI according to established procedures. Published estimates will carry a note indicating the extent of coordination within the intelligence community.

ALLEN W. DULLES  
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